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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. The amendments herein do not introduce any new matter. It is believed that the claims herein should be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-14, 16, 17, 19-38 and 40-118 remain pending in the application. Applicants have canceled claims 17, 19, 22, 23, 30 and 31. Claims 20, 21, 24, 31, 36 and 37 have been amended over the objections to include the limitations of the rejected base claim, and thus are now independent claims. Claims 119-128 have been added consistent with now amended claims 62 and 63, to claim certain types of fuel cells using the structures of claims 21, 24, 31, 36 and 37.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner has rejected claims 17, 19, 22, 23, 30 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,415,949. Applicants have canceled claims 17, 19, 22, 23, 30 and 35

II. Conclusion

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants.

III. Extra Claim Fees

The present amendment presents the following additional claim fees:

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Claim Fees

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119	5	x \$9	\$45
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The present response is mailed within THREE MONTHS of the mailing date of the Office Action, since February 14, 2002 fell on a Saturday, and the present response is mailed on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, the successive weekday that the USPTO is open for business.

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